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Mr. Russell E. H. Mognet
Annual Dinner Committee
Protestant Council of Churches

Dear Mr. Mognet:

Thank you very much for your letter of 8 August inviting me to speak at the annual dinner that the Protestant Council of Churches is holding on 24 February 1962.

I sincerely regret that I will be unable to accept your kind invitation to address your Council. In view of my official position, it is necessary for me to restrict my speaking engagements to the various government service schools, except on a rare occasion when I make an outside talk. Unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment at this time.

It was thoughtful of you to ask me to join you, and I am sorry that my reply cannot be more favorable.

With kindest regards,

Very truly,

[Signature]

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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August 8, 1961

Mr. Allen W. Dulles, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2430 E Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles,

I am writing on behalf of the Protestant Council of Churches to request that you speak at our annual dinner on February 24, 1962. Our committee is expecting an attendance of 1,000 or more persons, ranging in ages from sixteen to ninety-six. It is the committee's belief that you would be a most desirable speaker for the occasion.

Our council represents 3500 active protestant families in the fast growing industrial area of Delaware Valley. Specifically, we live in Delaware Twp. Camden County in southern New Jersey between Moorestown and Haddonfield.

We will pay your transportation and expenses incidental to the trip. We do not feel we can afford to pay your usual speaking fee. Additional information as to time, location, and type of message, will be supplied upon your request. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your immediate reply.

Yours in Christ,

R. E. H. Mognet
Russell E. H. Mognet
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